

Officers.

SEC. 5. That the said trustees and their successors shall have the power to elect their own president, secretary, treasurer, and such other officers and agents as they shall deem necessary, and to remove the same for misconduct, inefficiency, or neglect of duty; and they shall further have the power to make all necessary rules and regulations not inconsistent with the laws of this state and of the United States for their own government and for carrying into effect the purpose herein before declared.

Rules, &c.

Meetings of trustees.  
Quorum.

SEC. 6. That the said trustees shall hold regular meetings annually, or oftener if need be, and nine trustees shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of all kinds of business.

Exemption from taxation.

SEC. 7. That the lands and other property belonging to the said board of trustees, and held by them in special trust and confidence for the purpose herein before declared, shall be forever exempt from all kinds of public taxation.

Conflicting laws repealed.

SEC. 8. That all laws conflicting with any of the provisions of this act shall be and they are hereby repealed.

SEC. 9. That this act shall be in force for fifty years from and after the date of its ratification.

In the general assembly read three times, and ratified this the 25th day of February, A. D. 1887.

## CHAPTER 36.

An act amendatory of an act to consolidate the fire companies of the city of Newbern.

*The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:*

Chapter 25, section 6, private laws 1866-7, repealed.

SECTION 1. That section six of chapter twenty-five of the private acts of one thousand eight hundred and sixty-six and one thousand eight hundred and sixty-seven, be and the same is hereby repealed and the following substituted therefor:

Chief engineer authorized to pull down, &c., houses to prevent spread of fire, &c.

SEC. 2. That the chief engineer or other officer acting in his stead and place under the laws and regulations of the fire department of the city of Newbern, shall and may be authorized and empowered to direct the pulling down or demolishing or blowing up of any house or building which he shall judge necessary to pull down, demolish or blow up for the purpose of preventing the further spreading of any fire which may happen in said city. And during the continuance of any fire in said city the said officers as aforesaid shall have power to require assistance for extinguishing the same, or for pulling down, blowing up or demolishing any building, or for removing any goods, wares, or merchandise from any building on fire or in danger to some place of safety, and to appoint guards to secure the same: and